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This photostated report, dated 17 January 1951, consists of the minutes of a conference of the technical directors of the VVW (Federation of People-Owned Shipyards), which was held in Rostock on 16 January 1951. The following points were discussed:

- 1) Production Program. This concerns the number and types of vessels scheduled for construction at the Stralsund People-Owned Shipyard, the Stralsund Ship-Building and Repair Yard, the Thaelmann Shipyard in Brandenburg, the Elbe Shipyard in Boizenburg, the Rothersee State Shipyard, the Rossau Shipyard, the Damgarten Shipyard, the Peene Shipyard in Wolgast, and the Berlin-Koepenick Shipyard. The difficulties in procuring materials are specifically mentioned in connection with the Elbe Shipyard and the Stralsund People-Owned Shipyard, and the requirements of the latter for funds, amounting to 250,000 DM, to finance repairs is also pointed out.
- 2) Program for Technical Designs. It is pointed out that because of the shortage of engineers, the 1951 requirements for 22 new constructional drawings will probably not be fulfilled. Details are given as to the number of engineer-draftsmen employed by each of the above-named shipyards, and the individual projects assigned to each shipyard's designing office, such as constructional drawings for repair work, a floating crane, and a floating drydock at the Stralsund Ship-Building and Repair Yard.
- 3) Program for Development and Expansion. Zillgitt, representative of the Ministry for Machine-Building, outlined the development program, and instructed the technical directors of the shipyards to submit by 22 January 1951 projects for planned investments, which were to include all factors, such as ground plan for the shipyard and increase in work productivity necessary to provide for the highest possible capacity of the shipyard.
- 4) Engines. The number of RAZ 2 and Schoenebecker engines to be used for the luggers and other vessels under construction at the shipyards are specified.
- 5) Prime movers, Aggregates, Auxiliary Machines. This topic pertains to the number and types of main and auxiliary machines required by the individual shipyards.
- 6) Miscellaneous. The various topics under discussion include: a) Heeling experiment to be conducted at the Stralsund People-Owned Shipyard; b) installation of refrigerators in luggers; c) delivery of tenders for cutters.

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